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## HON. JOHN RUSSELL WINS HIS CASE.

### GRANTED DECREE NISI.

### MR. MAYER DISMISSED FROM SUIT.

### MRS. RUSSELL LODGES AN APPEAL.

### VERDICT OF MISCONDUCT WITH UNKNOWN MAN.

After a hearing lasting eleven days, the re-trial of the Russell divorce case ended with the petitioner, the Hon. John Hugo Russell, son and heir of Lord Amthill, being granted a decree nisi from his wife, Mrs. Christabel Russell.

The special jury, which included two women, found Mrs. Russell guilty of misconduct with a man unknown, but not Mr. Edgar Jacquard Mayer, cited as co-respondent, who was dismissed from the suit.

Mrs. Russell's solicitors have lodged an appeal against the verdict of the jury.

### BOOS AND CHEERS.

#### DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE LAW COURTS.

As the parties to the Russell suit were leaving the courts at the Strand entrance there was a demonstration by the crowd outside, some people booing and others cheering.

Would-be spectators of the final scene in the action assembled outside the Law Courts as early as 8 a.m.

The court opened at 10.30, and half an hour before that time the counsel's and witnesses' entrances inside the Law Courts were besieged by a crowd of people, many of whom had no professional interest in the proceedings.

Barriers without barriers in the case were there in force, and when the doors opened the court was at once filled to overflowing.

It was with difficulty that the officials were able to keep a passage between the doorways and the solicitors' and Press benches.

Mrs. Russell, accompanied by her mother, and married sister, Mrs. Welford, were the first of the parties to arrive. They were followed soon afterwards by Lord and Lady Amthill and their son and heir, the Hon. John Hugo Russell.

### THE COST.

The first trial lasted eight days, and the costs, according to counsel's own statement, amounted to £10,700.

The present trial has lasted 11 days, and the costs will probably amount to another £10,000.

Russell, who sought to divorce his wife on the ground of her alleged misconduct with a man unknown and with Mr. Edgar Jacquard Mayer.

It took the jury well over three hours to arrive at their verdict.

### SCENE IN COURT.

After they had been absent for a considerable time, Mr. Justice Hill, before whom the petition was heard, asked the parties if they would agree to the jury having sandwiches and coffee, or something like that, costs to be costs in the case. This caused a burst of laughter, the judge commenting: "We do not want to starve the jury."

The atmosphere was tense in a packed court when the foreman announced the verdict. They found, he said, that Mrs. Russell had misconducted herself with a man unknown, but not with Mr. Mayer.

A decree nisi was at once granted Mr. Russell.

At last year's trial, when two co-respondents were named, the jury found that there had been no misconduct between these two gentlemen and Mrs. Russell, but failed to agree as to whether or not she had misconducted herself with some unknown man.

In the re-trial only one co-respondent—Mr. Mayer—was mentioned by name, but the man unknown still figured on the pleadings as the alleged father of "the Russell baby."

### THE SUMMING-UP.

In his dispassionate summing-up, Mr. Justice Hill said the two issues for the jury to consider were—

Did the wife commit misconduct with a man unknown whereby she became the mother of a child born on Oct. 15, 1922?

Did the wife commit misconduct with Mr. Mayer at Half Moon-st.

The judge, in reminding the jury to be swayed neither by sympathy nor resentment for or against either of the parties, pointed out that they must also guard against sympathy for the child.



A splendid studio portrait of Mrs. Christabel Russell.

who was not an actual party to this case, and whose legitimacy could not be questioned, except by other proceedings, whatever the outcome of the suit.

This appeared to have been a war marriage in which very little thought was taken of how the home was to be carried on after the war was over, he pointed out.

Obviously Mrs. Russell was a woman of great ability. She had spent two winters studying art in Paris. During the war she held a very responsible position with a munition firm. Which of the two was the stronger character? It was not disputed that when Mrs. Russell wanted her own way she generally got it.

It was also quite clear in regard to going out in the evening that she peddled her own canoe. She admitted in the witness-box that she did not love her husband when she married him, and at any rate at the crucial time in the case any real affection for him had ceased.

There did not seem to have been any recklessness in her behaviour, but she was reckless to a degree, committing escapades like going to hotels at week-ends accompanied by young men and sleeping in a bachelor's flat and so on.

### THE MAIN QUESTION.

The jury had seen the demeanour of the husband and wife in the box. Speaking generally, he did not know that the husband's desire to tell the truth was impugned.

The main question, added the judge, was what took place between Mr. and Mrs. Russell during the week-end in December, 1920, at Oakley.

Regarding the interview on July 7 between Mr. Welford and Mr. Russell, said the judge, it was clear from Mr. Welford that Mr. Russell was saying in effect, "At any rate I cannot understand how I was the father of the child."

As to Mrs. Russell's statement about finding her husband sleep-walking, the jury must consider whether it was a genuine account of what happened or was invented by the wife because she had something to conceal from her husband.

As to the allegation against the co-respondent, Mr. Mayer, the onus of proof was on Mr. Russell.

### THE DUKE AT "RUGGER" INTERNATIONAL.

#### LUNCH WITH TEAMS. TOUR WITH HIS FIANCEE.

The Duke of Lork spent another busy, but cheery day in the "land of the leal" yesterday, when he visited Edinburgh for the International Rugby match between England and Scotland.

In spite of the early hour of his arrival in the northern capital, there were many people at the station and on the streets to greet him with rousing cheers, which he smilingly acknowledged.

Those present at Waverley Station to give him official welcome included Lord Provost Hutchison, General Sir Francis Davies, Sheriff Crale, and Mr. Dixon, President of the Scottish Football Union.

The Duke first went to the North British Station Hotel, where he breakfasted with Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon and her mother, who had arrived on the previous evening from Glamis Castle.

During the forenoon the betrothed couple paid visits to the biscuit works of Messrs. MacNab, dyers and cleaners.

The Duke lunched with the English and Scottish football teams before driving to the football field to see their match.

### MISSING WITNESS'S FATE.

#### GIRL'S BODY IDENTIFIED BY SWEETHEART.

Interest in the Newport arsenic murder case has been revived by the discovery in the Monmouthshire Canal of Doris Andrews (21), daughter of a widow in poor circumstances.

The girl was subpoenaed to give evidence at the inquest on Mrs. Jenny Morgan, at which the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Willie Morgan.

On the eve of the inquest Miss Andrews disappeared, and no trace of her was found till Friday last, when her body was seen floating on the water. The body was identified by her sweetheart, Mr. Owen, a motor driver.

Upon the body was discovered the subpoena and a letter the girl had received from Mrs. Carthy (niece of Mrs. Jenny Morgan, the poisoned woman), the wife's dress bills have been at the rate of between £2,000 and £3,000 a year. Her craving for self-embellishment was insatiable.

She thought to shine in the least intelligent sections of society where a woman's life is measured by the frequency with which she changes her dress.

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### SLEEP OF DEATH.

#### SIGNALMAN'S BODY FOUND ON THE LINE.

Signalmen on duty at Wirral (Cheshire) Railway Station found John Murray, aged 41, a Post Office telegraphist, lying dead between the four foot way.

A train had just passed, but the body bore no marks of injury.

At the inquest a doctor attributed death to sleeping sickness.

It is presumed that Murray lost his memory, wandered from the station platform on to the line, and fell asleep there.

### UNPROFITABLE FIRSTS.

The "first-class" tramway-cars, which for many years have been part of the corporation service at Liverpool, are to be taken off, as it is stated they do not pay. Passengers had to pay double fare for the privilege of sitting on plush cushions.

### FOREARMED.

A boy of 13 who appeared before the Ramage Bench on a charge of theft, expected to be birched, and arrived wearing two pairs of trousers.

The boy had been before the justices on a previous occasion for a similar offence and, according to the Chief Constable, was learning by experience.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

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There will be easterly winds, with a rather low temperature, over the British Isles. Weather will be dry, and considerable bright periods will occur in most districts.

### CALAMITY OF DRESS.

#### JUDGE'S CAUSTIC COMMENTS.

#### Tilt at Smart Set.

#### BEST-DRESSED WIFE' JUDGMENT

"Mrs. Nash renounced her duties as a wife at the call of empty pleasure. She sacrificed the privileges of social services for the attainment of an ignominious folly."

The foregoing is one of the many caustic comments made by Justice McCardie (the bachelor judge) in giving judgment for Captain J. V. Nash, of Duke-st., Grosvenor-square, who has been sued for £257 for dresses supplied to his wife by Callot Soeurs, of Paris and Buckingham-gate.

"I am told the wife's ambition was to be the best-dressed woman in London," said his lordship. "The dress of a woman," he added, "has ever been a mystery and sometimes a calamity of the ages."

The bills of Callot Soeurs for articles supplied to Mrs. Nash, continued the judge, included items for many evening dresses costing from 2,400 francs (£30 at present rate of exchange) to 4,800 francs (near £60).

There was also a bill for a fur stole costing 15,000 francs (£200). Justice McCardie went on to say that Captain Nash was 33, and married his wife in 1919. She was then 25 years of age, was an only child, and her mother, who had been a widow for some years, was a wealthy woman.

The matrimonial history of Mrs. Nash was a curious one, said his lordship. She was married when she was 18; later she married a Mr. Carven, and that marriage was annulled; then she married a Mr. Sifton, from whom she obtained a divorce, and in the summer of 1919 she married Captain Nash.

"MERELY AN APPURTENANCE." After Captain Nash became engaged to her she told him she owed many thousands of pounds for dresses and hats. He owned property in South America, and he raised £20,000, out of which he paid his wife's debts to the extent of £12,000.

Infatuation sometimes leads to perilous generosity," commented the judge. "I am satisfied," he continued, "that the wife's dress bills have been at the rate of between £2,000 and £3,000 a year. Her craving for self-embellishment was insatiable."

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### IS DEAD IN GREAT STORM.

Sixteen people were killed and 100 injured in a storm which is sweeping the seven delta counties of the Mississippi (says a Reuter cable from Memphis).

A large number of houses have been destroyed, and hundreds are homeless.

### DIED ON HIS BEAT.

While on his beat at Chatham, P.C. William Charles Harris (51) collapsed in the arms of his inspector and died shortly afterwards. Harris was formerly in the Munster Fusiliers and served in the South African War.

### AGED COUPLE'S FATE.

William Ollier and his wife, an aged couple, of Wheelock, near Sandbach, Cheshire, died through inhaling fumes from a smouldering hearth-rug.

The couple slept in the kitchen, the old woman being an invalid. They were found unconscious and died within a short time of each other.

It is believed that the rug was set on fire by a cinder or spark from the fire. Ollier was 88 and the oldest inhabitant in the village.

### "EVIL ARISING FROM EVIL."

Remarkable that it was a case of evil arising from an evil act, and that the blackguard who had stolen the articles was really responsible for the death of an innocent man, the Fulham coroner yesterday recorded a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind, at an inquest on William Henry Jure, plate-man at a South Kensington hotel, who threw himself in front of a train.

The manager of the hotel said Jure had been worried by missing certain articles which could not be traced from his plate cupboard and undoubtedly had been stolen.

### CASE HEARD AT MAN'S BEDSIDE.

#### HOSPITAL SCENE.

#### EVIDENCE TAKEN IN WARD.

The prosecutor in a case due for hearing at Tottenham Police Court being still detained in the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, a magistrate yesterday went to his bedside, and the proceedings were carried out in the ward.

The charge was one of inflicting grievous bodily harm, and was preferred against Albert Webber (46), a painter, of 1, Cibo-rue-rd., Tottenham.

Those present in the hospital were Major Garland, the magistrate, the magistrate's clerk, Det.-sergt. Willie, the prosecutor, John Higham, of Keston-rd., the accused man, Webber, and a Press representative.

When the magistrate and others taking part in the proceedings had gathered round his bed, Higham stated that on the night of March 8 he went into the Ship Hotel, High-rd., Tottenham, and there saw Webber, whom he alleged struck him.

Webber denied striking Higham, but the latter from his bed declared: "I will take my dying oath, and I know I shall not last much longer, that this man struck me."

The accused was remanded for a week, and allowed bail.

### FRENCH TROOP TRAIN WRECKED.

#### 40 REPORTED KILLED IN RHINE DISASTER.

A serious railway accident is reported from Fricimersheim on the Rhine (Crefeld district).

A French troop train collided with a goods train. The impact was so violent that several coaches were completely telescoped. Forty soldiers are stated to have been killed and many more seriously injured.

Details are lacking, as it is said that no one is allowed to go near the spot—Reuter.

### 40 HOURS' PRAYER FOR BABE.

#### "DUMB" WOMAN FINDS SPEECH AT INQUEST.

A woman who was stated to have been rendered temporarily dumb by the child's death recovered her speech and added a chapter to the amazing story told at the inquest at Farnborough (Hants) on a two-months-old baby.

The child was the son of Miss Ada Fielding, of Nelson, Lancashire. According to the evidence it had been left at Farnborough with Mrs. Bennett, who acted as a foster-mother, and she had been dumb since the death of the child.

Her husband, it was said, told the police that "the Lord had sealed her lips."

When asked to give evidence Mrs. Bennett gave a dumb refusal, accompanied by the sign of the Cross. Later, when medical evidence suggested that death might be due to violence she broke out with the following statement:—

"I definitely stand before the Lord to-day free from the death of that child because I believe the Holy Spirit was wrought upon it for its deliverance from evil."

Other remarkable evidence was to the effect that the father of the child was an evangelist named Livingstone, who came to the district to conduct a Gospel mission.

Constable Dolby said that when Mr. Bennett was asked why he had not reported the death of the child he replied: "We trusted in the Lord to bring it back to life. The child had fits and went dead in the face and my wife smacked its face to restore circulation."

Bennett, in his evidence, said that when his wife told him the child had passed away he prayed for 40 hours with the hope of reviving the child.

Dr. Bindloss said that death was due to suffocation. He would not venture to say that the child was suffocated willfully.

The jury's verdict was that the child had died from suffocation, but how it became to be suffocated was not evident.

At the Old Bailey John Stone (60), a picture frame maker, was found not guilty of a serious offence against a 15-year-old girl and was discharged.

### That "Kruschen" Feeling!



### It Puts the Spring in Spring-cleaning!

Who says Spring-cleaning isn't jolly?

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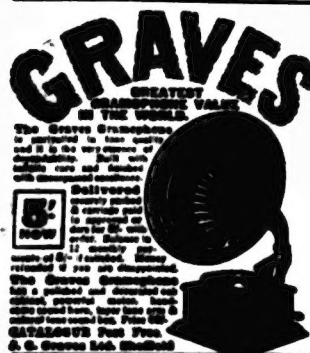
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# WORKERS' SEARCHLIGHT

By ANDREW BUCHANAN, J.P.

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**Labour Capitalists.** The Southend Labour Party is going ahead. It has doubled its membership and is paying 10 per cent. to its Labour share-holders. The Labour Party's news service says on this success says: "You are a half-baked people who say Labour is a business party." I say Labour is

**Labour Party** that these "hard-baked people" would like to know. The Labour Party denounces capitalism. Surely it is a half-baked party which denounces and denounces capitalism with the same breath.

**Butter Times.**

The Master Cutler of Sheffield last week: "Trade during the last few months has been steadily increasing."

we can now look for war prosperity." Oh, let it be so, but let it be so for the **Mines Nationalisation.**

The Labour Party's Bill to Nationalise the Mines and Minerals "lays down the basis for assessing the price of purchases of minerals," says the *Observer*. "The Government would be set up, a board of which would represent the interests of the three the miners. What about the rest of the B. P.?"

**N.U.W.T.**

The National Union of Women Teachers are much incensed at the proposed alterations, requesting the Government to consider the position of women teachers. They bring to their aid the new Education (Removal) Act, 1919, which states that "a person shall not be deemed to be a woman teacher."

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business or carrying on any civil or  
profession or vocation." This is what the  
Act does not say. This is what the  
woman whose husband is in employment  
shall keep an unmarried woman who  
must work to live, out of a job. What  
does the Act concern itself with? The  
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*From a Country Inn.*

In the "various" of a village  
other day I noticed the following lines  
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man could bring,  
But what I most I should wish to  
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Let princes needle in the nose

**Dukes with the pump make (1)**  
**Good whisky, wine, or even beer**  
 enough for me!

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**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

**S. J. P. COYNE** (Ann. of M. Sec. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829,



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## FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

## BRITANNIC ASSURANCE EXPANSION.

(By Our City Representative.)

Business in the Stock Markets during the past week has been a steadily diminishing quantity, but more optimistic views regarding the future and Turkish situation have served to maintain a fairly steady tone, and prices, as a rule, have fluctuated within narrow limits either way. In the gilt-edged section a rise in Funding Loan was followed by a reaction on attention being called to its dearth in comparison with other similar stocks, but Conversion Loan and Victory Bonds have been in good demand and Indian issues have also remained in favour.

## FEATURES AMONG FOREIGNERS.

The Foreign market has been quiet, but a recovery in the franc led to strength in French Government loans, while Turkish Unifed has been a good feature, although the coupon due on Wednesday was not met. Greek bonds experienced a general advance on the statement with regard to the debt. Honduras bonds rose on the proposed settlement, but Brazilian issues have tended to dwindle. Early in the week Home Rails were mildly depressed, but subsequently met with good support. A heavy tendency has been in evidence in the Foreign Railway market.

## INDUSTRIAL AND OIL SHARES.

Business in Industrials has been restricted and interest has tended to centre in specialities. Particularly Imperials, which have come along on talk of a coming share bonus. Chemical descriptions have been active, and there has been a revival of interest in Motor shares, Humbers, Rovers, and Rolls Royce being prominent. Cable securities, which have recently been depressed by wireless fears, rallied sharply. Stores shares, notably Harrods, Whiteleys, and John Barchers have been freely bought, but dulness has been displayed by Textiles. Oil shares have displayed moderate activity, but the effect on prices has not been very marked.

## MINES UNSETTLED.

The mining markets have had to contend with considerable rain falling, and Gold shares have been generally dull. Diamond shares have also experienced moderate declines. Selwicks again came into prominence with a sharp jump, and other good features included Cam and Motors and Akims. Tin and Copper descriptions have continued active, but the course of the metals has been uncertain, and prices, as a rule, have fluctuated.

## LONDON RAILWAYS RESULTS.

Five important London electric light undertakings have issued their reports during the past week, and in each case appreciably better results are recorded as compared with the previous year. The revenue account of the City of London Co. shows a balance of £23,079 against £23,133 for 1921, and after paying £100,000 to the City, £23,079 is divided into equalisation fund, making various other allocations, including provision for leasehold redemption and the benevolent fund, the dividend, as previously announced, is raised from 14 per cent. to 15 per cent., and the carry forward increased from £25,000 to £30,000. In the case of the County of London Co., net revenue is nearly £100,000 greater at £221,780. Appropriations to reserves are increased from £100,000 to £121,000, and after paying the dividend of 10 per cent., against 8 per cent. for the previous year, there remains £48,218 to go forward as compared with £21,787 brought in.

## SIR THOMAS BEECHAM.

## RETURN TO CONCERT PLATFORM AFTER THREE YEARS' ABSENCE.

After an absence of three years Sir Thomas Beecham made his reappearance in the world of music, when he conducted the Halle concert in Manchester.

Sir Thomas stated in an interview that he intended to devote more time to music in the near future. Asked if there was any possibility of his being concerned again in opera, Sir Thomas said the possibility was very remote.

## JOE BECKETT'S BETS.

## BOOKMAKER'S APPLICATION FOR SUMMONS GRANTED.

An application for a summons against Joe Beckett, the boxer, for using abusive language, was granted at Kingston Police Court. The applicant was Mr. Albert A. Marks, president of the Bookmakers' Protection Society. He said that at Hurst Park races he paid £110 to Beckett for bets he had won. Next day, said Mr. Marks, he accepted further bets from Beckett, but the horses lost, and when asked for £50, Beckett refused to hand over the money. Beckett, said Mr. Marks, assumed a threatening attitude, and used abusive language.

## LIBERAL UNITY PLEA.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND THE DANGER OF REVOLUTION.

Speaking as the guest of the National Liberal members of Parliament at a luncheon at the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said he had no doubt at all that if a Liberal re-union was not secured the party would be paralysed.

"Unless there is some new force brought in," said Mr. Lloyd George, "Conservative is to stand alone between this country and revolution."

There has never been a Government within recent experience that so rapidly and in so short a time lost its prestige like the present Government. There are no seas at the present moment in England, Scotland, or Wales in which they dare risk a by-election for the return of a Minister.

"It is not pleasant to see that Europe is now conferring and acting as if the British Empire were not in existence. ('Hear, hear.') While this tragedy is developing, we are here wringing our hands in helpless impotence."

The ex-Premier went on to ask what objection there could possibly be to consultations among leaders as to motions and consultation between Whips. Without that, all talk of unity was clap-trap.

"Unity or no unity, we shall have our candidates; we shall have our policy and programme; we shall have our propaganda, and we shall urge it upon the country in the coming election."

"It is only in the lamentable and, I hope, unlikely event of there being no unity," he said, "that the candidates would represent merely our group."

## SECOND INQUEST.

## MERCHANT WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN COUNTING HOUSE.

A second inquest was held at Westminster on Robert Frank Roberts (42), woolen merchant, of Lexington-st., Golden-sq., W., who was found dead in his counting house from coal-gas poisoning.

At the first inquiry it was stated that he left two letters, one to a firm that had advanced him £10,000. Mr. Tonkin, for the relatives, said that the gas tap might have been turned on inadvertently, but Mr. Oddie, the coroner, said that the suggestion was unconvincing and that he should have a jury.

The widow said her husband had told her about his financial affairs and was not unduly worried, thinking that things would be better.

Mrs. Roberts, sister-in-law, who kept the books, said that the financial position of the firm was improving. No creditors were taking proceedings. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind.

## READERS' QUERIES ANSWERED.

A coupon, with the stamped addressed envelope, must accompany EACH query. "Miscellaneous," "Household," "Patents," etc. Inquiries should reach "The People" by Tuesday.

Editor, "The People," Millfield Lane, Strand, W.C.2. Names and addresses of querists or initials for publication in "READERS' QUERIES" or initials against which the reply will appear must accompany the inquiry. In order to ensure that a stamped addressed envelope MUST be enclosed.

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## CAMI-FLAGE.

## LINGERIE THAT PUZZLED A MAGISTRATE.

Amusing passages concerning an article of ladies' clothing, which puzzled the magistrate, Mr. Forbes Lankester, were heard at West London Police Court in a charge concerning the alleged stealing from a drapery store of bird of paradise plumes and a pair of cami-knickers.

Mr. Lankester asked of Mr. Pierron, the prosecuting solicitor, "What exactly are the articles stolen?"

Mr. Pierron: Bird of paradise plumes. Mr. Lankester: Yes, yes; I have seen them before, but about the other things. I see they are described as cami-knickers. I don't think I have ever seen them before. (Laughter.)

They are a form of ladies' undergarments. Oh, I see, the feathers are for external adornment and the other things for internal beauty.

The magistrate was handed the garments, and holding them up said, "Where are the legs?"

Mr. Pierron: I am informed, sir, by someone who seems to know more about such things, that you are holding them upside down. (Loud laughter.)

## CABINET ROMANCES.

## TALK ON DETECTIVE STORIES DURING A CRISIS.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain told a good story when he presided at a lecture given by Colonel John Buchan at Lansdowne House, London, on the American Civil War.

Mr. Chamberlain said that without historical romances the life of a Cabinet Minister would be unendurable. He recalled one critical Cabinet meeting in Downing-st., when the fate of every Minister there assembled and much greater issues hung in the balance. They waited in tense excitement to know the result of their labours. They did not sit gravely weighing the alternatives, but were occupied with hilariously discussing detective romances, of which he believed Cabinet Ministers formed the majority of readers.

## "DEAD" MAN REVIVED.

## COAL TRIMMER WHO SAVED SAILOR'S LIFE.

While boarding his ship late at night at Barry, Glamorgan, a Norwegian sailor named Harmensen fell into the water, and a considerable time elapsed before he was brought out.

Harmensen's body, which was believed to be lifeless, was taken to the quay. A stretcher was sent for, but in the meantime a coal-trimmer named Evan Griffiths who was passing the place asked to be allowed to apply artificial respiration.

Permission was given, but at first it seemed that the task was hopeless. Half an hour later, however, the coal-trimmer had his reward in signs of returning consciousness.

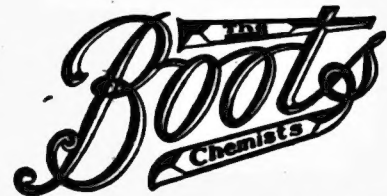
Eventually full respiration was restored. Harmensen came back to life, and was taken to hospital, where he is reported to be fairly comfortable.



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## Extracts from the DIRECTORS' REPORT for the Year 1922.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report and the Accounts which, despite the unfavourable trade conditions prevailing throughout the year, show progress of a satisfactory character.

THE TOTAL PREMIUM INCOME amounted to **£2,405,393.**

CLAIMS PAID during the year amounted to **£983,294**, making a Grand Total up to 31st December, 1922, of **£16,885,371.**

ORDINARY BRANCH.—THE PREMIUM INCOME amounted to **£552,481.** The Claims paid amounted to **£200,208.** New Policies were issued amounting to the sum of **£1,074,317.**

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—THE PREMIUM INCOME amounted to **£1,850,907.** The Claims paid amounted to **£783,086.**

TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.—THE GROSS INCOME amounted to **£2,786,943**, showing an increase of **£146,018** over the Gross Income of the previous year. THE TOTAL OUTGO amounted to **£1,940,298**, leaving a Balance of Income over Expenditure on the year's accounts of **£846,645**, which has been added to the Funds.

THE TOTAL FUNDS amount to **£7,578,896.**

ANNUAL VALUATION.—The Annual Valuation has been made by the Company's Actuary. After making full provision for all policy liabilities, the resulting surplus is **£208,891.**

Ordinary Branch Policies in the Immediate Participating Class will receive a Reversionary Bonus at the Increased Rate of **30/-** per cent. for the year.

JOSEPH A. PATRICK, Chairman.

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## MUSIC, PLAYS AND PICTURES



## GHOSTS ON THE STAGE—THE NEW WAY.

## LATEST PLAYS AND COMING CHANGES.

It is seldom the Old Vic. departs from its Shakespearean repertoire, but when it does it is usually to give expression to other historic or poetic romances.

Lawrence Benyon's "King Arthur" is of the latter category. It possesses much beauty of thought and language, and sets forth in highly dramatic terms the tragic love of Lancelot and Guinevere, the hopeless passion of Elaine, and the sorrowful dignity of King Arthur. The piece is written in dramatic verse, and the three principal characters are expressed as real human beings.

The scene of Lancelot's grief over the dead body of Elaine, Morford's successful intrigue to trap the Knight in the Queen's chamber, and the "swift light which follows" the battle in the darkness of a terrific thunderstorm, and the final farewell of Arthur and Guinevere in a convent cell, are episodes not easily forgotten.

The arrangement of the Round Table, and the scene in which Elaine's barge passes immediately in front of the Banqueting Hall, marked what should have been the most arresting moment of the play. On the first night the barge bumped and creaked on its wheels in such a manner, that a less sympathetic house would have been moved to laughter. The management of the quarrel during the banquet was hampered by the awkward setting of the stage, but the spirit de crip and the individual efforts of the company saved the scene from disaster.

Florence Buckton stood out from the cast for her beautiful acting as Guinevere. Not only did she give the poet's lines a full measure of appreciation, but she realised every dramatic possibility of the role. One is seldom moved to emotion at the Old Vic., but Miss Buckton's acting in the final scenes in "King Arthur" claimed a tribute of tears. Wilfred Walter's Arthur and Douglas Burbidge's Lancelot had many good moments, and John Laurie, as usual, struck an emphatic note as Sir Tor. Jane Bacon's Elaine was pathetic, but rather monotonous, and Rupert Hardy made much of the sketchily drawn character of Morford.

That a composer of Sir Edward Elgar's standing should not only write, but conduct the incidental music to an Old Vic. production, is indeed an honour to Lillie Baylis's theatre. His prelude and introduction are of great value to the production, and there is a stately march and some religious music full of inspiration and beauty.

**Should a Wife Tell?**—How should a wife and what faced with definite proof of a criminal husband's insanity is the outstanding idea of "The Alternative," by Lucy Wilson and Adrian Alington, produced at the Everyman.

Geoffrey Fenton is charged with and about to be convicted for murder. His wife holds a doctor's letter which proves him insane. Its production at the trial will save his life and keep her fettered to a hopeless lunatic. As the loves and is loved by another man, the situation is made more complex. The alternative is one which the authors solve in a spirit of sacrifice.

The play gives opportunity for some excellent acting, and Lucy Wilson and Geoffrey Fenton are to be congratulated on their efforts as husband and wife.

As propaganda for the reform of divorce laws "The Alternative" has much to recommend it.

**New Lighting Effect.**—The new system of lighting, which is to be a feature at the St. Martin's Theatre, will be put to a great

test when John Masfield's "Mellony Hiltop" is produced in connection with the Playbox Theatre. The play is concerned with the ghosts of two lovers, who haunt the home of the Hiltops until an old feud of hatred and misunderstanding is laid at rest. As the ghostly beings appear on the stage simultaneously with living characters, their presentation offers many stage difficulties, which will be overcome by the Schwartz Hassel electrical installation which has been completed after many months of hard work.

**The Great Swindle.**—It is rumoured that "The Great Swindle" is not destined to enjoy a very long run at the St. Martin's. When eventually it is withdrawn it will most likely be followed by a new play by Clemence Dane. Whether this will be the novel anticipated drama of Miss Dane's successful novel "Tegridy" or an entirely new work, has yet to be decided. The new Galsworthy play, entitled "The Forsyths" does not figure, we gather, in the immediate schedule of the Healden direction.

**Julia Winter and the O.W.D.S.**—When the O.W.D.S. go to Stockholm this spring, at the invitation of Sweden, they will present Galsworthy's "Loyalties." Jessie Winter, who shared honours with Lord Gregory at the club's performance of "Henry IV." Part I, last month, has been chosen as leading lady, and should make a great success in the role created by Cathleen Nesbitt at the Ambassadors.

**Julia Neilson as Mary Stuart.**—Fred Terry and Julia Neilson delighted audiences last week at the King's Hammer-smith, in a new romantic play, "The Borderers." Julia Neilson, happily recovered from her recent illness, played Mary Queen of Scots with her old charm, and Fred Terry, who has also been on the sick list, made bothwell a very effective creation. The piece, which is a full-blooded and highly picturesque version of later scenes in Mary's life, gives these two popular artists every opportunity.

**Glady Cooper's New Role.**—Having played with much success Doris in "Diplomacy" and Paula Tanqueray in Pinter's well-known play, no one felt surprised at the announcement that Glady Cooper intended to add Magda to her gallery of emotional roles. Sudermann's play, which will be presented next Saturday at the Playhouse, has one "big scene," which will give Miss Cooper ample scope for her extraordinary capacity as an emotional actress.

**Mrs. Patrick Campbell** is of course the greatest English exponent of Sudermann's heroine. She is now touring with "Magda," and if she carries out her intention of bringing her company to London players may have an opportunity of comparing her methods with those of Miss Cooper. To have two Magdas in the field will be a rare theatrical occurrence.

## KING'S, HAMMERSMITH.

## A HANDSOME QUEEN O' SCOTS.

Miss Julia Neilson received a rousing welcome, after a long illness, when she made her appearance as Mary Queen of Scots in a new play, "The Borderers," by Madge and Leslie Howard, which was produced at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, on Monday last. The play deals with that period in which the unfortunate and beautiful Queen was induced by her brother, the Earl of Moray, to marry James, despite the fact that she entertained a passion for the Earl of Bothwell. Miss Julia Neilson made a most handsome and impressive Queen, and Mr. Fred Terry made an effectively dramatic figure of Bothwell. The play met with a most favourable reception.

## VARIETY JOTTINGS.

**Alice Lloyd Returns to Variety.**—Alice Lloyd, the clever sister of the late Marie Lloyd, received an enthusiastic welcome at the Hackney Empire on Monday last. Alice is quite worthy of taking the place of our "only Marie." This spirited comedienne made a record success in America, which has never yet since been equalled in either money or popularity. Miss Lloyd gave four songs at Hackney in but a few minutes, and as each character was of a different nature it says much for her versatility and deep sense of humour. The little lady received quite an ovation at the end of her turn. Fred Culpitt, also made a big hit with his wonderful conjuring tricks and comic chatter.

**Finches of the Vital Spark.**—Lily Morris, who is appearing at the Pinner Park Empire to-morrow, will wear the beads and earrings which once belonged to Jenny Hill, the Vital Spark, one of the finest Cockney comediennes who ever appeared on the music-hall boards.

**A Good Turn.**—The last laughs this week at the Coliseum have been provided by Rupert Habel, who obtains them quite easy. It is that apparently uncontrolled demeanour of his that put him on such good terms with his audience. The description he gives of that him disgusting rumour over the one solitary rotten chicken that turned up in a crowded restaurant and the astonishing discovery on his part that at the end of the struggle he held two legs of it in a first class lesson in the art of telling a story. Rupert is a real good turn. Vera Javina and company delight with their ballet "Zephyre." Lord Godfrey Terrie continues his impressive performance of Gringoire in "The Ballad Monger," although I think that sparse blonde beard he wears must hardly appeal to his many lady admirers.

**Mike Whelan and Some Verses.**—I am pleased to see an old friend of mine, Mike Whelan, in an excellent form in the variety world. During the last seven days at the Alhambra, "His Mother's Boy," as he describes himself, has been causing much fun with his extempore verses dealing with members of the audience, which they seem to enjoy. Mike also told some rather good stories. Gene Grant presented the hilarious study, which raised the customary amount of laughter. Johnson Clark and his figure Hodge provided one of the cleverest ventriloquist acts to be seen upon the stage, while Louie Fuller's troupe of dancers gave a graceful and artistic performance. Little Tich is the big star in this week's performance.

**The Joe Elvin Matinee.**—I mentioned the matinee performance in our last issue which is being given to the Joe Elvin Tribute Fund at the Palladium next Thursday. Mr. Charles Golliver writes that the performance of "Dandy Dick Whittington" by Nelson Keys and Mr. Leslie Stuart will appear, while "The Veterans of Variety," including Marguerite Cornille, Charles Biggill, Jake Friedman, Sable Fern, Tom Connelley, Charles Lee, Florrie Robins, Leo Dryden, and Arthur Roberts will give variety with a strong bill, in which is featured Will Effe, Stanley Logan, Mabel Greer, and Edward Foster in "The Poor Rich," Tucker, and Wish Wynne.

## SHRIS.

## SHOCK FOR PROCTOR.

**WNY AN EX-UNDERGRADUATE DID NOT APOLOGISE.**—"I thought he was an old acquaintance," said George Sheavyn Sale, an ex-undergraduate when charged at Oxford with assaulting the junior proctor of the University by knocking off his hat. Asked why he did not apologise at the time, defendant, who was stated to be a graduate of the University, said: "The proctor did not appear to be in a very receptive mood." (Laughter.) Sale was fined 30s. and 10s. on a charge of assaulting a University constable.

**"RED" SUNDAY SCHOOLS.** The religious faith and building patriotism of the children of the metropolis were being attacked by what were called proletarian Sunday schools, said the Lord Mayor of London, Mr. E. C. Moore, at the annual meeting of the East London Church Fund. "It makes me burn with indignation," he added.

## FAMOUS COMPOSER AND PUBLISHER.

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It is seldom one comes across a composer who combines in himself not only the touch of genius but also the necessary business acumen to carry out his musical gift to a successful financial issue. The first instance I personally came across was the late W. J. Tate, whose business capacity was remarkable; the second is Mr. Lawrence Wright, who, after many hard struggles and set-backs, has established one of the most prosperous song-publishing firms to be found in Great Britain.

In the pre-war days, when I used to visit the young composer at his offices in Denmark-st., for the purpose of buying his songs, which were then beginning to grow popular, for "The People," I always found him busy, either running through his business accounts, composing a song or dance, or rehearsing a new number with one of the lights of the variety or concert world. Not a moment was wasted, and the same can be said now, even though he is loyally supported by a large and clever staff.

Mr. Lawrence Wright was born at Leicester and his favourite musical instrument was the violin, which he most played with great skill. He was a most enterprising youth, and played, sang, and sold his own songs in his native city. Fame came to him when, under the nom-de-plume of Horatio Nicholls, he composed "Blue Eyes," "Night of Romance," "Dreams of Delight," "Heart of a Rose," "When God Gave You to Me," "Omaha," "Silver Star," and "Bluebird." Our readers with musical tastes will be pleased to learn that "The People" have arranged with this firm for the publication weekly of the words and music of some of their most popular songs sung by the leading artists of the day. Dance music will also be published from time to time.

## ONE-CHILD HOMES.

## DESCRIBED AS "A CURSE TO THE COUNTRY."

"Single children are rapidly threatening to become the curse of the country," said Dr. Crichton Miller, the authority on psychology, in the course of a lecture at Norwich, in which he criticised one-child homes.

"If you ask schoolmasters and mistresses they will tell you that the single child is far more difficult to cope with than a child out of a well-stocked nursery," continued Dr. Miller.

"Such a child has not been brought up in a juvenile atmosphere but has come to feel that its every word and effort produces a reaction in an adult. That is a cramping and spiritually deadening influence for a child which ought to be brought up in a juvenile atmosphere where it can do even wretched things without some adult person applauding or criticising."

In these days the more or less well-to-do and upper class are flooding the country with single children brought up in solitary grandeur and with constant and unrelenting adult supervision.

It is going to be half as much trouble again and perhaps twice as much to produce out of that material the best citizens.

If he were to run through some of the chief mistakes made by parents, added Dr. Miller, he should put first the spoiling of children, which meant selfishness.

Over-solicitous parents were the fathers and mothers of the Peter Pans, who never grew up in mind or emotions.

## FIRE AT PREMIER'S HOUSE.

An outbreak of fire at No. 10, Downing-st., S.W., the official residence of the Prime Minister, was discovered before serious damage could be done. The fire occurred in the kitchen quarters and was extinguished by the night watchmen and firemen.

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# Spring Cleaning without Upheaval.

**THESE** are probably no period in the year so dreaded by the men of the family as the weeks which are devoted to that annual upheaval designated Spring Cleaning.

They consider it an unnecessary proceeding, according to them the home is always being cleaned, and if it isn't spotless and dustless and mothless—well it ought to be, judging from what they suffer should they happen to be about a "room-turning out" day.

It is, of course, true, that the woman who takes a pride in her home usually sees that every room in the house is regularly turned out; but this does not take the place of the thorough overhauling and corner to corner cleaning which is bound to be done during the annual clean.

There is, however, no need to turn the entire abode upside down on one of the same days. Now should every scrap of floor covering be removed. There is no excuse for serving meals for all sorts of guests and in all sorts of corners.

A plan should be first set out and adhered to as rigorously as circumstances will permit. A stock of materials, such as household ammonia, insect powder, alcohol, turpentine, white, furniture polish, dust sheets, stale bread, charcoal, clean dusters, old rags which can be thrown away, etc., etc. The ladder should contain a good sized cold joint, fruit, and jam tins, cheese, biscuits. It is a mistake to leave the cleaning in order to get a mid-day meal; but it is a still greater one to attempt to carry on with a glass of milk and a bun.

If only one room be attacked and finished off at a time the discomforts are minimized to a great degree. One room at a time, in fact, if the workers be two and there is no

re-decoration to be done, can easily be accomplished. Always begin early in the morning. Always rest a day between the various apartments. Never begin too early in the year. I don't know which is the worst evil—having to sit in non-heated rooms and seeing the rest of the family catching cold, or a heated one seeing all our hard work tarnished and dusty and smoke-stained.

When a room is to be dismanted it should be done after the furniture has been cleaned and before the paint and walls are touched.

The first room to be attacked is the attic or box room. Dust and thoroughly clean all the trunks, cases, etc., which are stored in it, and then remove them to the landing. Sweep the walls with a hair broom. Sweep the floor with a broom. Wash the paint in water to which a little disinfectant has been added, scrub the floor with carbolic soda. When it is dry pepper the floor with insect powder and alum in order to prevent moth.

The next room to be operated on is the upper bedroom. First of all wash all the ornaments, place them in the cleaned attic and cover with a sheet of newspaper. Vacuum cleaners can now be hired so reasonably that it is worth while incurring the slight expense. If properly used there is no need to send the carpet away. If, therefore, you have the great spring cleaning day at hand now is the time to use it on the carpet. When as much dust has been removed as seems possible, lift up the carpet, and if the weather is fine hang it up on the clothes line until you are ready to put it on the floor again. Then take each article of furniture separately, wash it in the middle of the room. Wash the woodwork boldly, using warm soft suds and plenty of dry rags for drying off the moisture. Polish with furniture cream; as each piece is finished place it in another room or on the landing. Furniture that is too big to be moved should be covered with clean sheets after it has been cleaned. Rub down the seats of chairs upholstered in tapestry with carpet soap, and cane ones with half a lemon dipped in salt. Bunk beds on chairs and mattresses should have the point of a wooden shaver bound round with cotton wool and well moistened in methylated spirit inserted beneath them.



## THE HELPING HAND.

**TO CLEAN MOIRETTE SKIRTS.**—Wash in warm water with yellow soap and then rinse with cold water. Make some thin starch with boiling water, and starch the petticoat as you would other clothes. When dry, damp it down, and iron with a hot iron.

**STICKING LABELS ON TIN.**—A good way to stick labels on to tins is as follows: Dissolve some isinglass in acetic acid, and brush the labels over with it. Take a wide-mouthed bottle, fill about two-thirds with commercial acetic acid, put in as much isinglass as the liquid will hold, and set aside in a warm place until completely dissolved. When cold this forms a jelly. To use it place the bottle in hot water. The rock should be well-fitting and smeared with vaseline. (By request.)

**TO CLEAN BLACK WALNUT FURNITURE.**—The finest thing for cleaning black walnut furniture is a piece of flannel moistened with paraffin. Rub into the wood till dry, then apply the following polish: Mix together equal parts of linseed oil, vinegar and turpentine. Shake well, apply with an old silk handkerchief, rubbing in thoroughly. This gives a good polish, and is cheaper than the furniture pastes sold for the purpose.

**CARE OF OIL LAMPS.**—The light of oil lamps is so much softer and less injurious

to the eyes than gas or even electric light that many people still prefer to use them. The only drawback is that they require much careful tending in order to keep them in a safe and bright condition. That the oil reservoir should be kept scrupulously clean inside is a most important point; no oil is so pure that it does not leave some sediment. Lamp reservoirs should be washed out once a week with hot water and paraffin, and be allowed to thoroughly drain and dry before fresh oil is added. The burner should also be cleaned every day and every orifice and air-hole thoroughly cleaned out. The wick should be wiped at the top with a piece of soft rag to remove the charred edges. If the wick burns cloudily remove it in the morning and soak for an hour or two in vinegar and water. It must be perfectly dry before it is again placed in the burner.

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## "THE PEOPLE'S" DOCTOR.

**HEALTH HINTS FOR THE HOME.**

To-day we publish the fourteenth of a series of articles by our Medical Correspondent on the all-important subject of "Health in the Home." "The People's" doctor will deal each week with the most "conceivable" maladies to which young and old are subject.

We suggest that readers should cut out and file these articles for reference, as they will be of inestimable value in the event of sickness in the home.

**RICKETS.**—A disease of infancy, chronic in duration, if once established. It commences either in the second half of the first, or in the second year of life.

Throughout warm Southern climates, where it is the custom for mothers to nurse their infants for the first year, it is almost unknown, whereas in our manufacturing districts, as Lancashire and other large towns, it is very prevalent.

Primarily a disease of nutrition, but accentuated by cold and damp, and breathing vitiated air, rickets is sure to be prevalent so long as mothers, whether from necessity, or choice, are unable to suckle their infants.

Owing to a deficiency of lime salts in the bones they undergo certain enlargements, become very soft, and bend easily under the weight of the body. Chief causes are: Dietetic, as chronic dyspepsia due to excessive use of starchy food, or sweetened condensed milk; climatic, and hygienic, as insufficient clothing and exposure, or congenital weakness.

The earliest preliminary signs of the disease are: Excessive sweating about the head and body during sleep, often attended by a rash (sudamina), wrongly attributed to teething.

Restlessness at night, with kicking off of the bedclothes.

Unusual distention of the abdomen with unhealthy putty-like stools and delayed eruption of the milk teeth. Convulsions at this time are very common.

The more noticeable signs when fully developed are enlargements of the ends of certain bones, viz.—The Ribs: The anterior ends where they join the cartilages become knobbed, or beaded. The sternum (breast bone) is thrust forward, giving rise to the common pigeon-breast in after life.

The wrist joints, and sooner or later, the knee and ankle joints, are involved.

The skull shows early signs, with exaggeration of the frontal and parietal eminences, combined with a flattening of the vault, so that the head looks large, and square.

A soft, flabby condition of the muscles is hardly less characteristic, and as the infant grows older other deformities appear; the legs becoming bowed outwards, the spine bent backwards, and the long bones stunted and shortened.

Associated conditions are common, as anæmia and bronchial catarrh.

With regard to the general management the most important is to improve the digestive powers and supply food of a suitable quality and quantity.

If the stools are putty-like, and offensive, the infant is taking too much of milk than he can digest and bile is not secreted sufficiently.

When made with rennet, to which cream is added, or a fourth part scalded milk, will usually be found to agree, or a little raw beef juice may be given with the whey, and the milk omitted.

A thin, well-boiled oatmeal gruel made with whey or milk and water, or Plasmogen dissolved in barley water will be found to agree. A certain amount of orange juice should be given daily. The amount of food should be from 35 to 40 ounces in 24 hours for older children (18 months to two years). The following will be found suitable foods:

Thin oatmeal porridge and cream. Yolk of egg on sopped toast. Sandwiches of bread and butter with egg or underdone scraped beef.

Fresh air is as important as food, and the infant should spend his day in the open. All sitting up in pram, or attempts at crawling or standing, must be prohibited until the bones are consolidated.

If bending of the legs or arms has already taken place they can be rectified by proper kneading and splints whilst they are still soft and flexible.

The medical treatment should be very simple, a mixture containing rhubarb and soda with a carminative to take regularly, and later on cod liver oil.

In next Sunday's issue the doctor will contribute an article on Rheumatoid Arthritis.

# The Stock Pot of Kitchen Lore.

**EATING** a hearty meal in the middle of the afternoon is a habit rapidly falling in disfavor. Therefore in these days there is something particularly stodgy about the sight of a "big cake," however well made it may be.

Little cakes are more tempting, and the most rigorous of "no eating at tea time" advocates have been known to yield sometimes to their lure.

A good mixture for little cakes is made as follows: Beat two eggs for at least five minutes. Add half a cupful of granulated sugar and beat again, substituting a wooden spoon for the egg whisk. Add an equal quantity of flour and beat again. Repeat both the sugar and the flour; to the last named should be added two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Bring half a cupful of milk to the boil. Stir in a dessertspoonful of butter. When dissolved pour into the flour mixture and beat thoroughly. Leave for five minutes before use. All sorts of dainty little cakes can be made from the foregoing. Among them are:—

**MELISSA CAKES.**—These are delicious. After the mixture has rested, colour it with chocolate—i.e., grated and dissolved in as few drops of hot milk as are possible—pour into a shallow paper-lined pan and bake in a good oven until firm to the touch. Cut into small pieces about two inches by four. Lay on the top of each a crystallized cherry or piece of glace pineapple and a strip of angelica.

**LEMON SANDWICHES.**—Bake the cake mixture in a shallow pan. Cut when it is cold into pieces of the ordinary size for small cakes. Split lengthways. Spread half the slices with lemon curd, press the other halves on sandwich fashion. Sprinkle the top with grated or chopped nuts.

**CREAM SANDWICH.**—Bake the cake mixture as before, and divide up when it is cold in the usual way. Mix together half a cupful of granulated sugar and two tablespoonfuls of flour. Stir in one pint of milk and continue stirring for three or four minutes. Add two well-beaten eggs. Pour into a saucepan standing in another half full of boiling water. Place over a gentle heat. Stir until the mixture thickens. When cold flavour with almond, vanilla, or vanilla. Spread on the cut side of half the little cakes. Cover sandwich fashion. Dot with chopped almonds or citron peel thinly sliced.

**BRUSARD CHARLOTTE.**—Soak 1 lb. of gelatine in half a pint of water for 10 minutes; dissolve it gently then strain it. Sift 1 lb. of cut ribbon with 50s. of sugar, one pint of water, the grated rind and juice of one lemon, and add to it the gelatine and two well-beaten whites of eggs. Pour the mixture into a mould lined with sponge fingers, and when it is firm turn it out quickly and carefully on to a cold dish. Serve with a custard sauce well flavoured with vanilla.

**CHOCOLATE MACAROONS.**—Grate 4oz. of plain vanilla macaroons. Mix with half a lb. of ground almonds and 4oz. of granulated sugar. Place in a warm oven for two or three minutes. Stir in the well-beaten whites of three eggs. Drop in spoonfuls on to greased paper and bake in a slow oven until firm.

**ONION AND APPLE PIE.**—Slice 1 lb. of onions, peel, core and slice an equal weight of apples, place in a pie dish in alternate layers, sprinkling the layers as you proceed with a little powdered sage, salt and pepper to season, dissolved margarine or butter and a bit of tarragon previously soaked in water. When the dish is full cover with

stock and leave to soak for half an hour. Cover with good pastry, and bake for three-quarters of an hour.

**ALMOND RICE PUDDING.**—Cook 5oz. of rice in one pint of milk and water to which a small piece of butter has been added until tender. Leave to cool, then mix with 2oz. of almonds, blanched and chopped, 5oz. of granulated sugar, a few stoned and halved raisins, and two well-beaten eggs. Pour into a buttered mould, tie down with grease-proof paper and steam for an hour and a half. Serve with custard.

**POTATOES AND CHEESE.**—Beat two eggs thoroughly, add three-quarters of a pint of milk, and season with a little pepper and salt. Next butter a large baking-dish, and put in first a layer of slices of cold potatoes. Sprinkle with grated cheese and a little pepper and salt. Add carefully two tablespoonfuls of the egg and milk. Repeat the process till the dish is full, letting the top layer be one of grated cheese. Bake in a moderate oven, and serve in the dish in which it was cooked.

**CREAM OF CELERY SOUP.**—One head celery, one pint boiling water, one pint milk, one tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful of flour, half teaspoonful salt, half tablespoonful white pepper. Wash and scrape the celery, cut it into thin pieces, put into the water, and cook until it is very soft. Mash it in the water in which it was boiled, and add the salt and pepper. Cook the onion in the milk, and with it mix a white sauce with the butter and flour; add this to the celery, and strain it through a soup-strainer, pressing and mashing it with the back of a spoon until all but a few tough fibres of the celery are squeezed through. Return the soup in a double boiler to the fire and heat it until it is steaming, when it is ready to serve.

**MARIGOT BEANS AND BACON.**—Wash and cook 1 lb. of haricot beans overnight in cold water; rinse, and put them into a saucepan, cover with cold water, add a peeled onion, and let boil for two hours or till tender; remove the onion, drain the beans in a colander, melt the butter in a saucepan, put the beans again into it, and pour over the fire till well coated. Season with pepper, salt, and chopped parsley. Serve with boiled bacon, and garnish with slices of fried bacon.

**SALOP PINKETTES.**—These, to be at their best, should be made when there is a pint of milk available. Work into the milk enough flour to make a thick batter, add to it a little salt and a small teaspoonful each of baking powder and castor sugar. Mix well, divide into even pieces, make into thick round cakes, bake in a quick oven. Split, butter, and serve hot.

**CORN SOUP.**—This is made with half a pint of thin stock, half a pint of milk, and a tin of American sweet corn. The milk is added to the stock and slowly simmered over the fire, and the contents of the tin being added at the last. Simmer for 10 minutes, pour into a fine sieve, mash the corn through with a spoon, much in the same way that you treat lentils. In this way the soup is slightly thickened.

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# FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

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"PEGGY AND PETER GO IN FOR MUSIC."

**MY DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE,**

Well there won't be any more piano-playing in my home for a while. At last, not the kind of playing that Peggy and Peter indulge in, or until I can get a new piano with cast-iron works!

You see, Peggy and Peter, being very anxious to give me a surprise concert, decided to practise first; which, as neither of them knew anything about playing, was a sensible idea. Now, when things began to go wrong was when they thought the horrid noise they made was the fault of the piano instead of themselves.

Then it struck Peggy that the piano needed oiling, so she got the paraffin can and gave it a good soaking. But Peter wasn't so sure it was a case for oil. What he thought was that they'd better take the piano to pieces and repair it properly. So he brought all the tools he could find and started to "make a job of it," as he said.

At all events, after some time I heard most beautiful music. So I went in to congratulate them, and—you can see what met my eyes when I opened the door!

Let us think of something less dreadful! You notice this little model in the centre here? It is the

**Smallest Piano in the World.**

and when you have made it up, you can keep it in a match-box to show to your friends.

For a change next week I am going to give you a jolly boatrace game; and that reminds me to tell you how excited Peggy and Peter are getting about the boatrace, and they have begged me to let them go and see it.

Which are you? Oxford or Cambridge? Peggy is wearing a dark blue ribbon, while Peter favours Cambridge—although he has an Oxford colour to put on as well, in case Cambridge doesn't win!

You shall see how they enjoyed themselves next week, and you must be sure to look out for that boatrace game, because it will be one that you can play by yourselves, or with a friend, and it will give you just as much fun as an expensive bought game.

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**£5,000 CLAIM AGAINST  
MOTHER-IN-LAW.****CAPTAIN "TURNED OUT."****"DOMINANT INFLUENCE" DENIED.**

Damages of £5,000 were claimed in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, by Captain Frank John Adamson, of Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh, from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Laura Gillibrand, widow, of Lutterworth Hall, Leicestershire, on the allegation that she "improperly and illegally caused his wife to desert him without any good cause."

The action was the first of the kind to be raised in Scotland for over 200 years. Captain Adamson and Miss Gillibrand were married in 1915, and they lived latterly at Lutterworth Hall. He alleged that Mrs. Gillibrand told him that she had an income of £7,000, and that on her death her daughter's income would be between £3,000 and £4,000. He also said he had explained that, owing to ill-health due to war service, he would not be in possession of a competency within a reasonable period.

Mrs. Gillibrand denied that she gave her son-in-law any information about her income, or what her daughter would inherit.

Captain Adamson's main averment was that Mrs. Gillibrand practically turned him out of the house in the beginning of 1922, and that by the use of her dominant influence over his wife, and her threat to deprive her of means, had compelled his wife to desert his society and refuse to return to him.

Mrs. Gillibrand said she was unwilling to "condescend" on many acts of cruelty and violence of which the captain had been guilty towards his wife, she referred to one incident, however, which, she said, occurred on Christmas Day, 1921.

Some casual remark caused him to fly into a violent rage. He then threw a silver hair-brush and other articles at his wife. He undressed on the landing, cursing and swearing and terrifying the whole household. A day or two later he left the house after another outbreak of ungovernable temper.

Mrs. Gillibrand said she had never interfered with her daughter's exercise of her free will, and her daughter had all along been, and was now, free to exercise her choice in the matter of living with her husband or not, or in any other matter.

Captain Adamson denied the allegations as to his treatment of his wife. Lord Ashmore dismissed the action.

**MONOCLED MAN  
ACCUSED.****THEFT CHARGE AFTER  
HOTEL VISIT.**

Well-dressed, wearing spats, and carrying fur-lined gloves, Algernon Eaton Gallias Yorke (23), of no fixed abode, was remanded at Oxford for a week charged with stealing £35 belonging to Trust Houses, Ltd., proprietors of the Valley Hotel, at Caterham.

Albert Sexton, manager of the hotel, said he put £35 in Treasury notes in the safe. Between 1.15 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. on the same day prisoner came up to the hotel in a motor-car. He was wearing a monocle. He said he had instructed his secretary to book two bedrooms for the week, but as the secretary had omitted to do so he (prisoner) had called on his way to the Guards' Depot, where he was going to make arrangements for the erection of a memorial to an officer. He gave the name of G. Rock-feller McCormack, and an address in Park-lane, W. He had drinks for himself and the chauffeur, and ordered lunch for 2.15.

Prisoner returned to the hotel, lunched, and stayed during the afternoon. About 4.30 p.m. he drove away in the car. In the evening witness missed the money from the safe.

**TELEPHONE SECRETS.****GAIL FOR OPERATOR WHO DISCLOSED  
THEIR TO A NEWSPAPER.**

For disclosing a telephone message entrusted for transmission Alfred George Spiers (35), telephone operator, was at the Old Bailey sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

The case was said to be the first prosecution of its kind. Mr. Forster Boulton said the offence was regarded as one of great gravity, as it was of the utmost importance that the public should know that telephone messages must not be listened in to, or disclosed.

Defendant sent details of a message revealing police inquiries as to a man in custody to a newspaper. Subsequently a bogus message was sent, and this defendant sent to another newspaper.

**LIFE IN A DUG-OUT.**

At a meeting of Sutton-in-Ashfield Urban Council the surveyor reported that for the last four months a man and his wife had been living in a sort of dug-out in the side of a bank made up with wood.

The Council decided that the couple must be given notice to quit.

**'BUS WAR RESULTS IN  
PROSECUTION.****VEHICLE "NURSED."****PASSENGERS INFORM POLICE.**

There was a sequel at Greenwich police court to the motor-omnibus war, when James Henry Wright, a driver employed by the London General Omnibus Co., was summoned for not keeping on the near side of the road, for preventing the free passage of another vehicle by misbehaviour, and for driving to the public danger.

Mr. Barker, prosecuting, said that the case was a bad one, because for a distance of about a mile time after time Wright deliberately "nursed" a "Blue" omnibus.

The police said they acted on the complaint of passengers in bringing the case. Evidence was given that in Bromley-road and Bromley-hill, Wright cut off the "Blue" omnibus, which was behind him, each time its driver tried to pass. A constable alleged that to Horner, the driver of the Blue "bus, Wright shouted: "You are a non-union man and I'll run you down before the week is out."

Horner said he was not a non-union man. Mr. Pattinson, who defended, asked Horner if he suggested that the L.G.O. men were trying to obstruct the Blue omnibuses.

Horner: They are our escorts—the 12C's. As we change our numbers they change theirs.

Wright said that he could not avoid his conduct on this occasion, for a Tilling omnibus was obstructing him. He admitted that he had heard the 12C omnibuses called "chasers," and said he supposed the object was to chase the Blue omnibuses.

Mr. Barker: To drive them off the road?

Wright: I don't know. Wright denied that the 12C omnibuses were removed from route to route, but said it was the fact that 12C's were put on the route when the Blue omnibuses began to run.

The L.G.O.C. conductor admitted that when the drivers and police were conversing on this occasion some of the crowd were hostile to the General "bus," because, he supposed, the Bromley people favoured the Blue "buses."

Mr. Fleming fined Wright £3 on the first summons, with £3 3s. costs, and £3, with £1 1s. costs on the second, dismissing the summons for dangerous driving.

**STAGE FAVOURITE'S  
SAD FATE.****RECLUSE WHO TOURED THE  
WORLD THREE TIMES.**

An actress who, before she became a recluse some 40 years ago had appeared before the footlights in nearly every country in the world, has died at Brighton under particularly sad circumstances.

She was Mrs. Josephine Murray, widow of Dominic Murray, a well-known member of the theatrical profession in his day, and was found in her house in Connaught-terrace, Brighton, partly dressed, in a collapsed state with serious burns across her shoulders.

On a table near by was a lighted gas ring, and a mark on the woman's face suggested that she had fallen. She was taken to the infirmary, where she died a day or two later.

At the inquest it was stated that the house was in an untidy condition, and contained empty wine and spirit bottles, and bottles of beer, port and cider. A neighbour said the dead woman had occasional drinking bouts, and no one would see her for several days.

Medical evidence was that death was due to shock and old age, and that Mrs. Murray resented any treatment, even for the burns that helped to kill her.

The verdict was death from misadventure.

Mrs. Murray had a real fear of the world, said a relative of the dead woman, in an interview. "She had been a widow for 40 years, and during that time had quite lost touch with all her friends and family. She lived alone in one room of her house, and shunned society."

"She would never keep a servant, as she could certainly have afforded. She had a great and unreasonable fear of being robbed, and had no pursuits of interest that I know of."

For a woman who had applied a brilliant intellect to her profession, she lived a dull and empty life during the last half of her existence."

This relative also stated that Mrs. Murray, under the name of Josephine Fiddes, made three world-tours. One of her famous acts was the riding of the wild horse in Mazeppa. She had private means and an annuity from a theatrical benevolent association.

**STABBED BOY'S ESTATE.**

The Christ's Hospital ("Bluecoat") boy, Vivian Merton Tanner (14), of Bruntingthorpe Rectory, Leicester, who stabbed himself at school after he had been "ragged" by other boys, left £440.

**STATE STRONG-ROOMS  
BURGLED.****WASTE SCANDAL.****AUDIT REVELATIONS.**

Some amazing revelations are made in the report, just issued, of the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

The accounts record two instances of loss from strong-rooms. In one over £5,000 was abstracted from a strong-room at the office of the Public Trustee. In the other the contents of four boxes of silver medals vanished from the Medals Branch of the Mercantile Marine Department.

Payment of rent after vacation of premises previously occupied by Government Departments is responsible for losses which provoke comment in the report.

In the case of Pontypridd County Court payment of rent for premises vacated in 1904 continued to be made until Christmas 1915, but the matter was not reported to the Treasury until 1922."

It now appears that after legal proceedings and the recovery of certain sums the Treasury have had to write off £131 on this account.

The total cost up to March 31, 1922, for the purchase and adaptation of a residence for the High Commissioner at Baghdad was £167,334, including £90,000 for the cost of the site, and £15,578 cash advanced and stores supplied by the Iraq Government.

An additional £15,000 was provided in the 1922-23 estimates for the erection of certain out-buildings to the residence and for quarters.

The Treasury expressed their regret that a project involving expenditure on such a large scale was not submitted for sanction in the first instance, but eventually directed that the expenditure should be charged to this Vote.

It is disclosed in the report that a pension was awarded a Trinity House clerk dismissed from the service and sentenced to 3 months for embezzlement, and when attention was drawn to this a smaller pension was sanctioned.

No less than £290,000 was paid to "a certain corporation" for building munition works after the war was over.

**NEURASTHENIA DESCRIBED.**

During the hearing of a case at Bradford the Stipendiary Magistrate remarked: "Neurasthenia is a part-ability and nine-parts disinclination to work."

**MORNING AFTER  
—THE PLEDGE.****THIRST THAT COMES TO  
THE CONVERT.**

In an address at Aberdeen, the Rev. Claude O'Flaherty, Edinburgh Cathedral, a priest who is a qualified physician, said it was not an uncommon experience for people who had never been inclined to drink having taken the pledge for the sake of example, and on going home, after signing it, being attacked for the first time in their lives with a terrific thirst.

The more a man who drank declared to himself that he would not get drunk on the following Saturday, and the more he clenched his fist to stimulate the resolution, the greater his difficulty to resist the temptation became. But if he told himself that drink was a beastly habit, and he could easily fight it, the more permanent the idea became and the easier was success attained.

This helped to prove the theory of M. Coue that it was necessary to develop the imagination to make true and healthy mental pictures.

**"BEATING THE BOOK."****MAN SAID TO HAVE CHEATED BOOKMAKERS  
OF £500.**

Said to have defrauded bookmakers of £500 during the past 18 months by means of altered betting tickets, Harry Jones, an Acton (W. London) labourer, was sentenced to three months' hard labour at Reigate (Surrey) Police Court.

Mr. John Levy, a bookmaker, said a horse called Warwick won a race at Gatwick on March 2. It had been backed by a man holding a ticket numbered N. 132.

Jones presented a ticket apparently bearing this number, but when Mr. Levy looked at it more closely he saw that the number had originally been 1. 132, and that the letter 1. had been altered to N.

Jones bolted, but was overtaken.

**KILLED BY SODA WATER.****MAN WHO DRANK SEVEN BOTTLES IN A  
DAY.**

At inquest on Philip William Wright (41), marine engineer, of Poplar, it was stated that his death was caused by his excessive liking for "soda water."

In one day the man drank seven bottles of soda water. For three days before his death he had partaken of nothing else. Enteritis set in as a result of abnormal fermentation.

POPULAR SONGS AND MUSIC IN "THE PEOPLE" EVERY WEEK.

**JEALOUS OF YOU**

(Song by the VERSATILE THREE)

Words and Music by  
MAX C. FREEDMAN, NELSON INGHAM  
and ED. JOHNSON.

*Moderato.*

Some-how I just can't help sigh-ing,  
Sweet-heart, now don't you be griev-ing.

There's some-thing makes me so blue,  
Dry those sweet tear-drops a-way.

Al-though I know that you  
I have no thought, dear, of

love leav-ing me, Still I am jea-lous of you,  
There is no rea-son to my: . . .

1.  
Somehow I just can't help sighing.  
There's something makes me so blue,  
Although I know that you love me,  
Still I am jealous of you.

NEXT WEEK—"I'VE LOST THE BEST PAL I HAD," Sung with Great Success by Eric Randolph.

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*Onion.*

Je-a-lous of you, Je-a-lous and blue, Je-a-lous of each-thing you do.

Fear-ing some-day, You'll turn a-way, To some-body else that is

new, I don't feel right, Can't sleep at night, Think-ing you

may not be true, Some pret-ty face May take my place,

That's why I'm jea-lous of you.

2.  
Sweetheart, now don't you be grieving.  
Dry those sweet tear-drops away.  
I have no thought, dear, of leaving.  
There is no reason to say:



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## MAN BEHIND WEALTHY DOPE ORGANISATION.

### GAOL FOR CITY DIRECTOR: 6,000,000 DOSES HIDDEN IN FURNITURE.

"Behind the screen of legitimate business he controls a powerful, secret and wealthy organisation for dealing in cocaine and morphine."

This startling sentence was uttered by counsel in a prosecution, at Guildhall Police Court, concerning a City merchant, described as the head of the illicit trade, who was ordered the maximum penalty under the Dangerous Drugs Regulations.

The case was one in which Howard Montague Fogden Humphrey, of Basinghall-st., E.C., and Summer Hill, Dyke, Bright, pleaded guilty to "having on Jan. 31 unlawfully offered to procure certain drugs—to wit, morphine, heroin, and cocaine—for Tong Say Company, of Amoy, China, contrary to Regulation 3 of the Dangerous Drugs Regulations of May 30, 1921."

He was fined £300 and sent to prison for six months in the second division—the maximum penalty.

Mr. H. D. Roope, who appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Humphrey was a director of H. M. F. Humphrey, Limited, carrying on business in Basinghall-st., E.C., as hardware merchants.

But behind the screen of legitimate business, said Mr. Roope, "he controls a powerful, secret and wealthy organisation for dealing in cocaine and morphine. In the submission of the prosecution, you have before you a man of established position in the commercial world who employs the banking and shipping facilities available to business men for the purpose of making huge profits by trafficking in dangerous, prohibited drugs."

The extent of this man's activities may best be gauged by his own account of himself under his own hand. He says:

"I have a perfect organisation; I have many friends amongst Customs, etc., and I understand the business very thoroughly. In fact, I do not believe that there is anyone who has a better control."

Mr. Roope explained that most civilised Powers had undertaken to control the production, manufacture, and distribution of opium, cocaine, heroin, and morphine. The importation of drugs, except under licence, was prohibited by the law of Hong Kong.

On October 11 last, said Mr. Roope, the steamship Mishima Maru arrived at Hong Kong and was boarded by Revenue officers.

A Japanese subject named Tiew found on board was arrested, and a quantity of his belongings, consisting of four cases of furniture, was taken ashore.

#### TELL-TALE DOCUMENTS.

This furniture—two sofas and four armchairs—was cut open, and hidden in the upholstery were found 2,400 ounces of morphine and 2,600 ounces of cocaine. This quantity of morphine," Mr. Roope stated, "would provide 2,100,000 maximum doses, and the cocaine would provide 4,750,000 doses."

Tiew's possessions were found a number of documents through which the authorities were enabled to lay hands on Humphrey.

One of these documents was an envelope, on the back of which, in Humphrey's handwriting, were directions such as the following:

One sofa, containing 50lb.  
Another sofa contains given quantities of crystals.  
One chair contains ten quantities of cubes.

Another chair contains crystals.  
Another chair contains crystals.  
Altogether 15lb.

A contract was found between the firm of Tong Say Brothers and Company and Humphrey's firm under which Tong Say Brothers and Company agreed to purchase not less 1,000lb. a year.

Another document related to a second ship bringing 2,500 ounces of cocaine, worth £2,250, 800 ounces of heroin worth £200, and 40lb. of cocaine worth £548 16s., a total of £3,048 16s.

Tiew was sentenced by the Hong Kong magistrates to six months' imprisonment, and was fined £500. The documents found upon him were sent to England.

Requising, said Mr. Roope, that no ordinary methods would succeed in the detection of a man "so experienced in the illicit trade as Humphrey obviously was," the authorities resorted to the expedient of intercepting in the post a letter from the East.

Passages from this letter read:—  
It was very unfortunate that Mr. Tiew could meet the accident in Hong Kong. We found that he had some mistake in part by bringing the thing himself.

#### COAST EROSION MENACE.

CLIFF DRIVE IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING. Owing to subsidence and coast erosion North Cliff, Scarborough, the Royal Albert Drive is in danger of collapsing. Subsidence has thrust the Drive eight feet seawards.

The experts are agreed that the cliff, consisting of 100,000 tons of earth, must be removed to relieve the pressure on the existing wall, and the Council applied for sanction to a loan of £25,000 for this purpose.

A new sea wall with a 20-ft. apron of concrete in front of it is also contemplated. This would cost £31,000, irrespective of filling material behind the wall, and constructing paths, etc.

As an alternative, it is suggested that the present sea wall be protected by a wave-breaker at a cost of £45,000.

#### IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

Yet another reader of "The People" ready to give up his body for the advancement of science. He is a disabled sailor of Luton, who writes that he is willing that the hospital authorities should have his body for dissection purposes and research.

## HUNT FOR VULTURE.

### HUNGER FORGES BIRD TO SURRENDER.

After being at liberty for five days, "Beaky," the vulture which escaped from Hamlyn's, the naturalists in St. George's in the East, E.C., has been recaptured.

"Beaky" was being packed for shipment to the Zoo at Copenhagen, when the man standing on top of his travelling box to keep him safely inside, slipped, and the bird escaped.

The vulture flew straight across the river, but circling round he was not permitted a moment's rest. Sportsmen were determined to shoot the bird, while others tried to lure the wanderer into a trap by offering tasty baits.

For five days "Beaky" evaded the efforts of all; but at last his prolonged hunger strike proved more than he could bear.

The piermaster of London docks, with a kindly offering of raw meat, enticed the weary bird within reach and made him a prisoner. He was a distressed and hungry vulture when he returned to his old home, and ate ravenously.

## BUILDERS REJECT TERMS.

### MAJORITY VOTE AGAINST WAGE REDUCTIONS.

The ballot of half a million men employed in the building trade shows a majority against the proposal to reduce wages by twopence per hour in London and other large towns and three halfpence and a penny elsewhere.

It is understood that more than the 30 per cent. majority required for strike action has been obtained. There are hopes, however, that a settlement will be reached without recourse to drastic action.

Should the employers attempt to enforce the terms there would be a danger of a stoppage at the beginning of April. The two sides in the dispute met again on Tuesday.

## AFTER THE DANCE.

### GIRLS FALL ARM-IN-ARM INTO A QUARRY.

Two girls going home from a dance in the Forest of Dean met with a terrible experience, while a third had a very narrow escape.

The night was extremely dark, and the three companions were walking happily together, linked arm-in-arm, when suddenly one of them, named Highley, found her companions had released their hold.

She procured a light and went for assistance. It was then found that the two other girls, Dunn and Banks, had fallen into a quarry. They were lying at the bottom unconscious and very seriously injured.

It was only then that Miss Highley realised how narrow had been her own escape, as he had been on the edge of the quarry.

The injured girls were taken to Gloucester Royal Infirmary.

## CIVIL SERVICE BONUS.

### LAW LORDS ALLOW AN EX-SOLDIER'S CLAIM.

The House of Lords on Friday allowed the appeal of Mr. Sutton, whose claim that he was entitled to the war bonus granted to postal telegraphists working at home while he was away at the war as a Royal Engineer telegraphist, was set aside by the Court of Appeal after Justice Darling had decided in his favour.

Mr. Sutton's claim was for £81. There is a possibility that the Law Lords' decision will affect other classes of the Civil Service.

## UNHAPPY MARRIAGE AT 16.

### YOUNG MAN'S PLEA FOR WOMAN'S RELEASE.

Sentence of two days' imprisonment—which meant her immediate release—was passed at the Old Bailey on Ella Appleyard (24), who was charged with bigamy.

It was stated that Appleyard was married to her first husband when she was only 16. This marriage was unhappy. She left him in 1920, and met a fish porter at Billingsgate Market, and went through a form of marriage with him in July 1921. This "marriage" was also unhappy.

The Rev. H. B. Curtis, vicar of St. Barnabas, Hford, said that Appleyard was one of his parishioners. She was a good and devoted mother.

## SENTENCED BY WOMAN.

### RECORDERS' QUERY TO BIRMINGHAM'S SECOND "WIFE."

In a bigamy case at the Old Bailey, the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., asked the second "wife" what sentence she would pass on the man if she were the Recorder.

The woman replied: "Half an hour." She said that the man had always treated her well.

The Recorder postponed judgment until next session, when the man will be released without any sentence.

## MONTH WITH BROKEN NECK.

### AT INQUEST ON WILLIAM HIPWELL, OF PATRICROFT, MANCHESTER, WHO FELL DOWNSTAIRS AND BROKE HIS NECK ON FEB. 10 AND DIED A MONTH LATER.

A doctor said this was a remarkable length of time for a man to live after such an accident.

Permission was given for a further examination of the body to be made in the interests of science.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

## THIEVES' REPRISALS.

Thieves who entered a restaurant in Fleet-st., E.C., failed to force a safe, and got away with only £1 worth of silver and some cigars.

As a reprisal, they impaled pork-pies on the legs of unattended stools; threw cheese on the floor, on which they spread clean table-cloths; put ink in the clock; and set a booby-trap, as the result of which the first-come waiter morning received a shower of salt.

## BRITAIN'S MEAT SUPPLY.

### STEADY DECLINE OF THE HOME-GROWN PRODUCT.

We are a great meat-eating nation, and more than half our meat supplies come from abroad; therefore the sources of those supplies and the conditions governing them can never be a matter of indifference to the people of these islands. It would not be profitable even if it were practicable for us to produce all our own food. Britain's natural resources are of such a nature that it is more profitable for her population to engage in commercial and industrial pursuits and exchange the products thereof for the raw material and food products of other countries. It does not necessarily follow that we could not and should not produce more food at home than we do, and in any case the sources and conditions of our imported supplies cannot safely be ignored.

The subject has been briefly but comprehensively dealt with by Mr. George E. Putnam (B.Litt. Oxon.) in a volume entitled "Supplying Britain's Meat" (Geo. G. Harrap and Co., Ltd.), which will be found worthy of careful study. The writer remarks upon the fact that even before the war it had been clearly established that the world's supply of live stock was not keeping pace with the increase of population; and, of course, the continuance of the war gave rise to the fear that a veritable meat famine might ensue. In normal times, however, meat will always be produced while a demand exists, given, of course, means of transportation. The centre of production may shift, and over a given period there may be an actual diminution of world production—as may happen in any other industry; but the free play of economic forces results in the equilibrium being quickly restored.

During the last fifty years there has been a marked decline in the number of cattle and sheep in the United Kingdom in proportion to the population, and it is not unlikely that this decline will continue. In times of peace this may not have serious consequences outside a certain class; but in war-time, as we have reason to know, it might be fraught with disaster. Mr. Putnam is concerned, however, rather with the economic conditions affecting the production and distribution of the meat supplies of the United Kingdom, showing us whence the meat comes, how it reaches the agencies through which it reaches the consumers, the work of importers, how prices are determined, and so forth. In a series of tables the reader is also shown the numbers of cattle, sheep, pigs, and the quantities of chilled and frozen meat imported from various countries over a series of years, together with the percentages of home-grown supplies of meat to the total consumed.

## 7 YEARS FOR A WOMAN.

### MAN WHO ESCAPED BEING PUT IN THE DOCK.

Sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed by Mr. Justice Avory at the Old Bailey on Olive Beaumont, aged 44, who pleaded guilty to performing an illegal operation on three women. Mr. Travers Humphreys, for the prosecution, said that one of the women, a schoolmistress at one of the L.C.C. schools, died.

She was taken to Beaumont by a man, and according to his own evidence this man had taken three different women whose condition he was responsible for.

It was a matter of great regret to the prosecution, said Mr. Humphreys, that they were unable to put him in the dock, as his evidence was found to be essential.

The woman collapsed on hearing the sentence.

## 3 DAYS ON SNOWCLAD ROCK.

### SHIPWRECKED CREW'S SUFFERINGS IN A STORM.

A thrilling story of a shipwrecked crew's ordeal on a rocky islet was told when some of the survivors of the British s.s. Tuscan Prince reached Plymouth.

During a blizzard the vessel was driven on to the island, which is situated in Berkeley Sound, near Vancouver.

"From the moment we struck," said one of the crew, "it was clear we should have to leave the vessel without delay."

"The lifeboat was launched, and, with wonderful skill, it was manoeuvred close enough to the shore for the boatswain, George Lobb, of Plymouth, to jump on to the rocks."

Lobb secured the rope, and, by this means, connection was made with the Tuscan Prince, the whole of the crew reaching the island by hand-over-hand work down the lifeline."

Here the crew stayed for three days, melting the snow to provide drinking water. They were then rescued by the Bamfield lifeboat.

## THE RUHR.

### BRITISH MEDIATION REPORTS DENIED.

All suggestions of mediation by Great Britain between Germany, France, and Belgium are unequivocally rejected in British authoritative quarters in London.

It is pointed out that the policy of the British Government, as defined by Mr. Ronald McNeill (Under Secretary to the Foreign Office) in the House of Commons—in effect a continuance of the attitude of benevolent neutrality—has not varied, notwithstanding reports to the contrary which had emanated from Paris and other quarters.

The Cabinet has been guided in the position which it has adopted by taking cognisance of the fact that France would not welcome intervention either by one of the Allies or another Power.

## HEROINE AT 16.

For bravely rescuing a four-years-old child from an oncoming train, Mollie Sandler (16) was presented with an illuminated address at Rushden, Northants.

A ball with which the two children were playing was knocked on to the railway line. The younger child ran to fetch it, and was dragged into safety an instant before the train roared past.

## THE IDEAL "PUB."

### FOOD AND WIRELESS AT "THE ROSE."

London has an ideal public house. In a mass of tiny uniform brick dwellings in one of Camberwell's humblest streets has sprung up "The Rose," which Messrs. Barclay Perkins—who ought to know something of public house matters—claim to be the ideal of what a public house should be.

As a representative of "The People" walked down Edmund-st., Camberwell, in search of "The Rose," he came upon a white, rough-casted, green-timbered inn. From the beautifully fitted spring doors came an appetising odour of steak and onions. "The Rose"—by any other name—could scarcely have smelt more inviting!

Inside, where the walls were delicately marbled, and there was a restful carpet and a number of small oak tables—an ideal bar. One could literally eat one's meals off the clean counter. There were sandwiches of many kinds and a hot menu which would take a lot of beating. Yet the highest priced item was only 5d.

But "The Rose" does not only cater for "in licensee" eaters. At an adjacent "bar," next the model kitchen, one may take home hot soups and other dishes up to closing time. Scotch broth, for instance, at 2d. per pint!

Capital beer and the best brands of spirits are "on tap" ad libitum; but "The People" representative was informed that there had been no trouble with any obnoxious customer. Moderation was the rule.

Family parties constitute most of our evening customers," said the manager, "and not only parents but growing sons and daughters come to listen to our 'wireless.' We have three sets in all, and all the latest news and concerts."

"In this seclusion neighbourhood," he added, "people regard 'The Rose' more as a club or a 'home from home'—not as a 'pub.'"

## FEWER ASSIZES.

### ARRANGEMENT OF COURTS TO FIT THE CRIME.

The committee appointed last year by the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, with Mr. Justice Kirby Swift at its head, to consider economy and expedition in the administration of justice, recommends the following rearrangement of assize circuits:

Huntingdonshire (Huntingdon), Rutlandshire (Oakham), and Westmorland (Appleby), where winter and summer assizes are now held, should be permanently grouped for those assizes with the counties to which they are now united for the autumn assize—viz., Huntingdonshire united with Cambridgeshire (Cambridge); Rutlandshire united with Leicestershire (Leicester); and Westmorland with Cumberland (Carlisle).

The assizes for Warwickshire to be held only at Birmingham instead of at Warwick and Birmingham as now.

The North Wales, South Wales, and Chester circuits should for assize purposes be amalgamated and assizes should be held on a circuit of the judges visiting three times a year Carnarvon, Ruthin, Chester, Carmarthen, Swansea, and Cardiff.

## FIVE FIREMEN INJURED.

### BURNED UNDER DEBRIS WHEN BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Five firemen were buried by falling debris and badly injured while engaged at a fire which broke out in some old offices and warehouses in St. Paul's-sq., Birmingham.

The side and front of the building collapsed, and the firemen's helmets, which were much dented, probably prevented fatal injury.

## GIRL SAVES A TRAIN.

Just before a mail train from Ballina to Dublin was due to cross the bridge which spans the river at Foxford (Co. Mayo) rebels removed the rails from a long stretch.

As soon as the rebels left a farmer's daughter, who knew of the plot, ran down the line waving a piece of cloth, which she used as a flag, and the train was brought to a standstill a yard from the spot where the rails ended.

Several wounded soldiers as well as civilian passengers were on the train, which, but for the girl's timely warning, would almost certainly have crashed into the abyss below the bridge.

## STATE EXPENSES CUT BY £104,000,000.

### OUR 170,800 ARMY.

### NAVAL BILL AT MINIMUM.

National expenditure, as estimated for 1923-24 shows a saving of over £104,000,000.

The computed State expenditure; can be classified as under:—

	1923-24	1922-23
Army .....	£2,000,000	£2,300,000
Navy .....	£6,000,000	£4,883,700
Air .....	£2,011,000	£1,896,000
Civil Services 314,134,754		402,319,748
Consolidated Fund		
Services .....	363,000,000	363,000,000
Total .....	799,145,754	803,308,448

Army estimates include £28,132,000 for the maintenance of the standing Army, and provide for 170,800 men on the establishment, exclusive of India, but including 10,500 Indian troops in the Middle East.

For the year 1923-24 provision was made for £35,351,300 on a standing Army of 215,000, excluding India.

The net estimate of £28,132,000 for the maintenance of the standing Army falls under the following sub-heads:—

A—Forces at home, £20,228,600, compared with £21,549,300;  
B—Forces in the Colonies, £2,410,700, compared with £2,434,300;  
C—Armies abroad, excluding the Middle East, £5,117,900, compared with £7,159,400;  
D—Forces in Middle East, £368,800, compared with £3,748,600.

The estimate for the Rhine Army shows a total order of £2,046,500, of which £1,883,000 is for the maintenance of troops.

In a memorandum on the estimates Lord Derby, Secretary for War, states that in addition to the reduction in the last two years of £9,000,000 in war terminal charges there has been a reduction of £21,000,000 in current charges, making £30,000,000 in all.

The Geddes Committee recommended a reduction of the normal current charges of the Army, including military expenditure in the Middle East to £53,000,000 in 1923-24, with a further reduction (of unspecified amount) in 1924-25. In the present estimates the current charges, including approximately £500,000 for War Office expenditure (repaid by the Colonial Office) in the Middle East, are about £49,000,000.

After drawing attention to the fact that a "liberal" allowance of £3,000,000 has been made with regard to certain charges in the Middle East, Lord Derby adds: "It is evident that the War Office has fully discharged the task assigned to it by the Geddes Committee. It has been decided to institute a central school for training about 1,000 boys in the various trades required for the supply of mechanics for the technical branches of the Army, and it is hoped that the first contingent of about 350 may be entered before the close of the financial year."

Mr. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons that the Navy estimates had been reduced by £31,000,000 in two years. "But for the Washington Treaty," he said, "we should have to find another £15,000,000 or £20,000,000."

In effecting this economy we have incurred a grave responsibility and further reductions in naval strength cannot be expected.

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## BRIGHTER BOSTAL.

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## JIMMY WILDE NOT IN FAVOUR OF JUDGES.

### GOOD PROGRESS IN TRAINING TO MEET PANCHITO VILLA.

(Exclusive to "The People" by JIMMY WILDE.)

I have just received official notification from New York that Panchito Villa has been selected to oppose me for the fly-weight championship of the world. The claims of Frankie Genaro have been turned down presumably as the result of an inquiry into the recent Villa-Genaro bout.

It will be recalled that Genaro was given a points decision over the Filipino on March 1, but the verdict was a surprise to a majority of the 13,000 persons who witnessed the bout.

All the officials concerned in the contest have had to appear before the New York Boxing Commission, and Chairman Muldoon himself has expressed a belief that the verdict was not warranted by the evidence submitted by the boxers.

According to reports, the referee and one of the judges voted in favour of Genaro and the other judge expressed his amazement that his colleagues did not pick the Filipino.

Obviously, the defeat of Villa was not upheld by the Commissioners who have now decided on a complete reorganisation of their judges and referees.

So far as I am concerned, the name of my opponent doesn't matter in the

will be home by then, as there is big money over there during the open-air season. In the circumstances, Wells would be very unwise to return to London yet awhile.

Already this month Wells has had three fights and on March 26 he is to meet a dangerous rival in Jack Malope, who is considered the most promising middle-weight in America. In April Wells is to box Dave Shade at the Polo Ground, New York, and if he gets over this hurdle, Billy will go direct for Mickey Walker for the welter-weight championship of the world.

George McKenzie, Leith, now matched to box Mick McAdam for the feather-weight championship of Scotland at Waverley Market, Edinburgh, on April 16, is to meet Jimmy O'Donnell, Stockport, in the main event at the National Sporting Club to-morrow night.

In his amateur days, McKenzie represented Great Britain in the bantam-weight event held at the Olympic Games in Antwerp three years ago and the Scot would have been a finalist but for some "incompetents" who were judging at ring-side.

As it was, the event was won for South Africa by Clarence Walker, who, on his

### CARPENTIER'S CONQUEROR.



The latest photograph of Building Bili, who is meeting McTigue in a fight for the European light-heavy championship in Dublin to-night (Saturday).

least. All that I am asked to do is to fulfil my contract with Mr. Tom O'Rourke, and in doing so I know that I am subject to the boxing laws of New York State.

For me, the contest has already commenced and each morning will find me on the road with 12 mile-posts to pass. Benny Williams, who has trained me for the past eight years, is moulding me into good shape and my going improves every day.

I have no fear of an acrimonious decision when I meet Villa at the scales in his bout with Genaro. Villa weighed 7st. 11lb. and the Italian, who started favourite in the betting, was one pound heavier than the brown-skinned boy.

Besides, the State law is very severe on boxers who fail to do the weight. Recently, in New York, Charley White, the light-weight, had to forfeit the sum of 2,500 dollars because he was "just over" in his bout with Rocky Kansas.

Good accounts reach me of the progress of Bermudez Billy Wells in the States. Wells has received offers to box Kid Lewis in London this summer, but the Bermudez welter doesn't think he

return home, entered the professional ranks and was beaten by Norman Mulligan, the bantam, who last week went under to Phil Bond at the Club.

Personally, I am not in favour of judges "assisting" the referee. If the referee knows his business (and he should) there is no occasion to seek judgment from any other source. It might be argued that three heads are better than one, and on that reckoning you could do better still by taking the vote of every spectator in the house. Veteran followers of the sport tell me that such a proceeding was once tried up in the North. Only once.

On this question of judges, I can speak with authority, for I have occasion to remember my contest with Phil Moore at the Albert Hall.

Never mind, I am living in hopes to win without troubling the judges when I face my opponent next June.

*Jimmy Wilde*

### SOUTH AFRICA'S PLACE IN BOXING.

Considering that it is now more than 30 years since Coubert and Burroughs fought at Port Elizabeth for the largest stake on record, it is somewhat strange that South Africa has never produced a professional boxer able to hold his own with any man at his weight.

Probably the best of recent years was Andrew Jeptha, for neither Fred Storylock nor George Rodel came anywhere near world's championship class. So with Norman Mulligan, bantam-weight champion of S.A., who lost to Phil Bond at the National Sporting Club on Monday night, Mulligan is a very game lad, but the top of his head is far from the sky. Another six inches and Norman would do.

Evidently, boxing is not the strong suit of the South African sporting folk, although, in the past, several fighters of note have been called in to popularise the game. America and Australia have sent a good share, and Britain has been represented by such as Lachie Thompson, Bob Russell, and Pedlar Palmer.

Now, it is said that Kid Lewis will soon be making for the Cape, and who knows but what the Kid's visit will bring forth? Why, it is said that Lewis is in no small way responsible for the appearance in the ring of Luis Firpo, the Argentine heavy-weight. And Luis, as you know, is now lining up for a bout with world's champion Jack Dempsey!

The "responsibility" of the Kid is gathered from Firpo's own statement. From this we learn that the Argentine had no idea of the fighting game until a few seasons ago, and he then caught the fever in Buenos Aires, when he read in a local journal that Kid Lewis, Harry Wells, Sam Langford, and several others were coming down from New York to box in the land of finance and sojourn.

That expedition, I understand, proved a dismal failure, but nevertheless, Firpo had seen Sam's diamond rings, and that was enough. But the only thing "brilliant" Sam could loan was an idea, and he worked it to pay his passage home.

With Firpo, nothing could now keep him from the ring, and after gaining local fame he tried his hand with some of the second-rate fighters in and around New York. In this quarter of the globe Luis did fairly well indeed, and just to give the home folk a treat the Argentine took Jim Tracey, of Australia, back to the Rio Grande.

For Jim boxed up for three or four rounds, and Luis boxed up for hours receiving the plaudits of the crowd and a few odd coins from the till.

On returning to the States last month Firpo went in training for his contest with Bill Brennan, whom he beat in 12 rounds in New York on Monday last. Now they are offering \$10,000 for a contest between Luis and Jack Dempsey!

South Africa's bantam-weight champion, Norman Mulligan, tried very hard to make good in his bout with Phil Bond, Walworth, at the National Sporting Club, on Monday last. But Mulligan's efforts were all in vain, and he was well beaten when the referee intervened in the 8th round.

Mulligan is one of the shortest bantam-weights seen in the ring, and he is not clever enough to work for an opening when once he closes in.

On occasion, Bond would back to the ropes, and cover up in block all the South African's aims, and it was noticeable that the Londoner could come away and open out just when it suited him.

Bond, however, was far too anxious to settle matters with a right-hand punch, and once or twice he missed badly in trying to bring over the "decider."

Still, Mulligan was never in a position to take advantage of his opponent's faults, and so the contest waged, with the South African always behind.

In the first round Mulligan was sent down by a left hook to the chin, but he was far from being out, and he was fighting very strong until half-way through the "8th," when he sank to the floor after receiving several blows at long range.

The might, however, showed rare pluck in sticking to his task, but it was evident the end was near, and it came when Mulligan staggered up from the floor after his fourth upped in round eight.

Bond, no doubt, will soon be matched with Bagley Lake for the Londonale bantam-weight title, and in view of this future event, Lake journeyed up from Plymouth to take stock of the contest on Monday night.

**BUTCH VICTORY.** Fred Archer, the St. George's welter-weight, was outclassed by the Dutchman, Van't Hof, at the Ring on Monday last. Archer's form was too bad to be true, for never at any time did he appear to have a chance with the well-built Dutchman.

Archer could never find his boxing range, and he had no idea of avoiding a blow. The Dutchman reached home with ruthless ease, and following a severe punishment in the 12th round, the Londoner retired.

## BETTING IS UNIVERSAL, SAYS JUDGE.

### HYPOCRISY RIFE.

### WHAT IS MORALITY?

In the King's Bench Division the hearing was concluded of the action brought against Lloyds Bank, Lombard-st., E.C., by Prosperity, Ltd., 110, Victoria-st., S.W., the promoters of an insurance scheme. A declaration was claimed that a notice to close the account of Prosperity, Ltd., at the bank was invalid, and an injunction was also asked for restraining the bank from closing the account for 12 months.

Mr. W. Paine, one of the joint general managers of Lloyds Bank, read criticisms which had been published about the scheme, and said he was responsible for the notice given on Feb. 12 that the company's account would be closed. A further month was granted. He regarded that as reasonable notice.

Replying to Mr. Justice McCardie, Mr. Paine said in four years he had "turned down" some hundreds of prospectuses on the ground that they were not sufficiently good for the bank's name to appear upon them.

Mr. Conway (for the company) said that in their advertisements several bookmakers stated the names of their bankers.

Mr. Paine said he did not think betting was a good thing for the British public.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Although certain forms of betting are punished, betting itself is absolutely legal, and I do not hesitate to say that it should be recognised by judges that, however much a phrase may be used to condemn betting, it is universal among nearly every class of the population. Many of the richest and most responsible customers of this bank bet at one time or another. Although I myself do not agree with betting, I think a great deal of hypocrisy exists with regard to it.

### STILL OBSCURE.

Later the judge remarked: "I have read nearly every treatise on morality. Now I am as obscure as ever with regard to the meaning of it."

In giving judgment, Mr. Justice McCardie said that while one month was not adequate notice, he could not grant an injunction against the bank. As to the nature of the scheme, he did not feel called upon to criticise it in detail. In his view, it was not an illegal scheme. Whether it is immoral or moral depended upon the sense in which those words were employed. But he had no doubt whatever, having regard to the nature of the scheme, that it was most undesirable and most inexpedient that a great financial institution such as Lloyds Bank should be associated with it.

One of the central objections to the scheme was that in substance a man who paid 3s. to the plaintiff company got only insurance of the value of 10s. His object in joining the scheme was that he might be able to induce a large number of others to go into it. He who subscribed could only get his own benefit out of it by the fact that "descendants" paid 3s. for 10s. worth only of insurance. That seemed to be a matter to which a bank manager might well take strong objection.

It was right to add, however, that although the manager disapproved of the scheme, no one challenged in any way the honour and good faith of those who had promoted it.

After a consultation between the parties Mr. Conway (for the plaintiff) said he was glad to say they had been able to arrange terms, and that Lloyds Bank would continue the account for a further limited period under certain terms.

### CHILD'S MOORLAND FATE.

#### DETAINED MAN'S STATEMENT AT INQUEST.

A sequel to the discovery of the body of Thomas Wood (4) in the air shaft of a disused colliery was heard at Glossop Police Court when Albert Edward Burrows (32) was charged in connection with the boy's death.

The boy was missing for nine days before his body was discovered, and the chief constable said Burrows assisted the police in the search. When they took grapple-irons to the shaft where the body was found Burrows absconded himself from the search party, and from the heights afar off watched while the police brought the child's body to the surface. He then bolted, and was captured after a chase over the moorland.

Burrows was remanded till Wednesday.

At the inquest which followed Burrows said to the coroner: The most important point has been missed. There has been nothing said about the other shaft higher up, near to which I left the boy safe. There is a wagon road between this top shaft and the bottom shaft and water flows from one to the other. Anything falling down the top shaft goes to the other.

The inquest was adjourned till Tuesday.

**DISOBEDIENCE DEATH.** A Newark boy, named William Hardy, who died from lockjaw, had a sore toe for a month, originally caused by a nail in his boot.

His mother sent him to the clinic every day, but it was disclosed at the inquest that he had not attended the clinic on a single occasion.

The coroner said probably he spent the time playing. A verdict of death from misadventure was returned.

**MOTHER ACQUITTED.** At the Old Bailey Mrs. Alice Louisa Drury (47), of East Ham, was found not guilty of the attempted murder of her child Doris, aged six, and of attempted suicide by gas poisoning.

There was no evidence, said Justice Avey, that the woman turned on the gas. It might have been done accidentally by her elder child.

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